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1. DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REFTEL, CABOUAT SAID REACTION TO FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR A TRIPARTITE PRODUCER-CONSUMER ENERGY CONFERENCE HAD BEEN RATHER FAVORABLE, ALTHOUGH THERE WERE NUANCES. FOR EXAMPLE, VENEZUELA HAD RESPONDED FAVORABLY. SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN WERE RATHER FAVORABLE BUT BOTH WANTED OTHER RAW MATERIALS TO BE INCLUDED AND IRAN HAD ASKED THAT PRODUCERS BE GIVEN TIME TO CONCERT THEIR POSITION. BRAZIL AND ZAIRE WERE ALSO FAVORABLE. INDIA WAS FAVORABLE IN PRINCIPLE BUT THERE WAS A PROBLEM ABOUT HOW PAKISTAN WOULD REACT TO THE FACT THAT INDIA WAS REPRESENTING ASIAN CONSUMERS.

2. ACCORDING TO CABOUAT, THE REACTION OF FRANCE'S EC PARTNERS HAD BEEN QUITE POSITIVE BUT HERE AGAIN THERE WERE NUANCES. GERMANY, FOR EXAMPLE, WAS MORE FAVORABLE THAN THE UK, WHOSE POSITION WAS CLOSER TO THAT OF THE U.S. IRELAND AND DENMARK WERE FAVORABLE. JAPAN WAS ALSO FAVORABLE IN PRINCIPLE BUT WAS WAITING TO SEE WHAT THE U.S. REACTION WOULD BE.

3. CABOUAT SAID ONLY TWO COUNTRIES SEEMED UNFAVORABLE: THE UNITED STATES AND ALGERIA. HE HOPED SOME PROGRESS MIGHT BE MADE IN OVERCOMING ALGERIAN OPPOSITION WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDESSELAM VISITED PARIS NEXT WEEK.

4. CABOUAT INDICATED THAT THE GOF WAS ALSO THINKING OF WAYS OF PLACING THE CONFERENCE MORE CLEARLY UNDER UN AEGIS, WHICH WAS SOMETHING THE GROUP OF 77 WANTED. AMONG THE IDEAS WHICH WERE BEING CONSIDERED WERE FLYING THE UN FLAG OVER THE CONFERENCE SITE AND HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN THE UN HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA.
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